

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR BANDWIDTH
AND CONFERENCE RESOURCE RESERVATION

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A system and method for reserving a network resource
for a multipoint conference includes receiving a list of
participants scheduled to participate in the conference,
a scheduled start time, and estimated duration for the
conference. A plurality of communication paths are
predicted, each communication path corresponding to at
least one of the participants. A network resource along
the communication paths is reserved for a predetermined
10 period of time beginning at approximately the scheduled
start time. In accordance with the particular
embodiment, the network resource includes bandwidth.

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